

Torrance, California  
June 13, 1944

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, June 13, 1944, at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being  
Councilmen: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent:  
Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag!

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held May 23, 1944; and of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held May 29, 1944 be approved as written. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Mr. Bernhard J. Strand, Principal of the Torrance Elementary School, advising that the School was conducting a paper drive on June 15th, and requesting the assistance of a man and truck to bring in papers from several outlying locations.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be referred to the Street superintendent, with authority to pick up the papers. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Hershel V. Gloyne, 25648 Marigold, Wilmington, California requesting permission to rent the Civic Auditorium for a period of one year for the purpose of holding dances.

Councilman Cucci moved that the communication be referred to the Committee in charge of Buildings for investigation and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. C. Z. Ward, Chairman, Torrance USO Committee, advising that a USO Club had been formed, with headquarters at the Torrance Women's Club; and extending an invitation to the members of the Council to attend the opening of this Club, on Saturday, July 1, 1944; and also, that Councilman Gilbert be officially appointed to represent the City of Torrance on the USO Committee, inasmuch as he had been instrumental in the organization of the USO Club in Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Mr. Ward's request be granted, and that Councilman Gilbert be appointed to represent the City Council on the USO Committee. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Birchler Van and Storage Company, 24801 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, requesting permission to sell fireworks in the City of Torrance.

After some discussion Councilman Powell moved that the communication be filed and the petition denied. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A petition, bearing twenty-three signatures, was read, requesting the City to pave the alley between Andreo and Cabrillo Avenues, running south from Plaza del Amo to Lincoln Avenue; and also to resurface the alley running east and west between Cabrillo and Andreo Avenues, south of Plaza del Amo.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to make inquiry as to whether the City would be permitted to use the necessary road materials to improve these alleys, and to report at the next regular meeting of the Council. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board recommending that Tom E. Hatfield be reinstated to his former position in the Recreation Department.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Civil Service Board be approved. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the City Engineer, reporting on the Petition, which had been presented at the last meeting of the Council, requesting that the street name, "Columbia Court" be changed to "Columbia Place"; and advising that this street name change should be by resolution.

Councilman Hitchcock requested a resolution number from Clerk Bartlett, and moved that

RESOLUTION NO. 1667

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF  
COLUMBIA COURT TO COLUMBIA PLACE.

be adopted.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the City Engineer, reporting on the request of the Los Angeles Plumbing Corporation for a refund of \$168.00 on eight Sewer Permits, as the work of making these sewer installation had been performed by their own crews. Mr. Jain advised that he had investigated the matter and that it was in or to make the refund as requested.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the recommendation of the City Engineer be approved and that the sum of \$168.00 be refunded to the Los Angeles Plumbing Corporation. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Planning Congress of Los Angeles County, calling attention to the need for proper planning for the future and urging that adequate funds be appropriated for the operation of the City Planning Commission.

After some discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be held in abeyance until the subject could be discussed with Mr. McGuire, who represented the City on the Los Angeles County Planning Congress. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clark Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1668

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE TO SET ASIDE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
(\$50,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO A SPECIAL  
FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUSES AND ACCESSORIES.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1668 be adopted.

Councilman Cucci stated that there was a question in his mind as to whether there was that much surplus.

Councilman Hitchcock replied that the City Auditor, Mr. Cotton had recommended that this action be taken

Councilman Cucci stated that a statement had been received from the Auditor as to the balance in the Water Department, but that no such statement had been made as to the balance in the General Fund, and he wanted to be positive that they would not be exceeding the Limitations Act of Municipal Corporations, which specifically states that the City cannot spend more than it has earned in any one year, and he did not feel free to spend that much money until he knew the money was available.

Clerk Bartlett advised that he was Finance Officer of the City of Torrance and stated that at the present time, or as of June 1, 1944, there was a balance of over \$90,000.00 in the Bank.

Councilman Gilbert inquired if it was necessary that these funds be set aside in a special fund.

Clerk Bartlett replied that it was better to have the funds set aside for a specific purpose.

Councilman Cucci stated it was his understanding that the law on capital outlays requires an ordinance for that purpose, and inquired of Attorney McCall if this was not correct.

Attorney McCall replied that the Council can set aside, at the end of any fiscal year, any surplus it has on hand for any purpose it may wish; and that this may be done by resolution.

Councilman Cucci proceeded to read the act to provide the levying and collection of taxes and assessments for the purpose of creating a fund for capital outlays by cities and counties or districts.

Attorney McCall advised that what Councilman Cucci had just read has reference to a levy of taxes, or a bond issue, but that any money remaining in the General Fund at the end of the year can be set aside by the Council for any legal purpose; and that the purpose using these funds to purchase busses was a legitimate one.

Councilman Cucci stated that he was not opposed to expanding the Bus Department as he knew the City was lacking in adequate transportation; but that the City was also lacking in recreational facilities, in street improvements, and needed a new fire station, etc.; and expressed the opinion that the proposed expansion of the Bus system was too large an undertaking to finance through the General Fund.

Mayor Tolson stated that the busses had been ordered in March and asked if any suggestion had been made at that time as to how they were to be paid for.

Councilman Cucci replied that he knew nothing about them and that he had never ordered any busses.

Councilman Powell stated that the reason for setting aside these funds at this time is that the City expects to get delivery on two busses in a few weeks, but that there would probably be a period of several months before further deliveries could be made and he believed they could be taken care of at that time.

Councilman Cucci said he was not in favor of having Torrance become the hub of the largest transportation system in Southern California, and didn't believe it was necessary.

Councilman Gilbert suggested that before any definite action is taken, the Council as a whole should discuss the proposed transportation system more thoroughly, as he had no definite information on the proposed plan.

Mayor Tolson advised that the Transportation Committee had met with the City Auditor last Friday night and that it was his suggestion that the matter be handled in this manner.

Councilman Cucci said he would like to convince himself that there was \$90,000.00 available.

Councilman Gilbert asked if the Council couldn't meet some night this week and hold a general discussion of the proposed plans for the new bus system, and also a discussion on the budget so they would know exactly where they stand.

After some further discussion as to the most convenient time for all members of the Council, the City Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Cotton, the Auditor, and find out if he could attend an informal meeting of the Council, to be held either Thursday or Friday, June 15th or 16th, at 1:00 or 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon; and if not, to find out what date would be agreeable to him; and to advise the Council accordingly.

Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion--that Resolution No. 1668 be adopted.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1669

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF SAID CITY TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR STATE AID FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE WAR SERVICE ACTIVITY EXPENDITURES.

Councilman Cucci moved that Resolution No. 1669 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 356

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING PORTIONS OF MADRID AVENUE IN TRACT NO. 9901, EXTENDING ONE HUNDRED FEET NORTHERLY FROM THE CENTER LINE OF 203RD STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH MADRID AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED FEET SOUTHERLY FROM SAID POINT.



Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 356 be dispensed with. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Cucci moved that Ordinance No. 356 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented a bill from the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, in the amount of \$363.00; being fees for the performance of Civil Service functions for the City of Torrance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, as per Contract No. 377-Z.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the sum of \$363.00 be paid to the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, as per Contract No. 377-Z.

A discussion followed as to whether the Torrance Civil Service Board would care to perform these duties, for the same consideration being paid to the County Civil Service Commission; and the Mayor requested the Secretary of the Civil Service Board to inquire if the members of the local Board wished to perform these duties.

Councilman Powell moved that Casper Clemmer and John Fess each receive an increase in salary of \$5.00 per month, effective as of March 19, 1944; that Sam Shepherd receive an increase in salary of \$5.00 per month, effective June 16, 1944; and that Fred Bever receive an increase in salary of \$5.00 per month, effective June 1, 1944. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell stated he had a communication from Police Chief Stroh, recommending 45° angle parking on the north side of Marcelina Avenue to relieve the parking problem between Cravens Avenue and Arlington Avenue; and since this would require a resolution he requested Clerk Bartlett to supply the next number; whereupon Councilman Powell moved the adoption of

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1670

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING  
45° PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF  
MARCELINA AVENUE BETWEEN CRAVENS  
AND ARLINGTON AVENUES.

Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that C. V. Watts be employed as Patrolman, as a War Emergency Employee, at a salary of \$160.00 per month, effective May 15, 1944, to replace Joseph Cozzolino. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an appropriation of \$472.50, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of twenty-seven firemen's turn-out suits for the regular firemen and callmen. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that an additional appropriation of \$28.88 be authorized for the purchase of four 8-ply truck tires, and four heavy duty tubes, for Model 1930 Auxiliary Fire Truck. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$179.16, plus tax, be made for the purchase of Street Light Globes and Canopies, from the Ray-Lite Glass Company. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that Mrs. Elsie Hughes be employed as relief girl in the Water Department office during the vacation period and to help make up the new books, at a salary of 75¢ per hour. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$1497.00 be authorized for the purchase of one Wallace & Tiernan, type MSV-M, 200 lbs. capacity chlorinator, to replace the one which has been in service for nine years. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that George Schmit and Edward Bender be employed as maintenance men in the Water Department, at a salary of \$155.00 per month, on a temporary basis, effective June 5, 1944. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci moved that an appropriation of \$201.00 be authorized for the purchase of accessories for automatic control, together with Solution Distributor and Saunder's Valve, mounted on panel, to be furnished and installed by Wallace & Tiernan Engineers. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Cucci stated that he believed the State Legislature had passed an act last year whereby cities could take a special census; and if their population showed an increase it would be recognized and they would be entitled to an increased gas tax allowance, and thought it would be wise to avail themselves of these funds if they could possibly obtain them.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the Government has just completed taking a census of the City of Torrance, within the last week or ten days.

Engineer Jain advised that the City of Compton had recently taken a census and they had increased their gas tax allowance by almost fifty percent.

Attorney McCall advised that he would look into this Act and report at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$365.00, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of road material for Greenwood Avenue. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Tolson and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$365.00, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of road material for Hickory Avenue. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$220.00, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of road material for Sonoma Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$440.00, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of road material for Eldorado Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$114.39, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of a new motor and accessories, for Model 1933 Ford Truck, for the Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Thomas C. Turner be employed on a temporary basis, to assist the City Electrician, effective May 16, 1944, at an hourly wage of \$1.00 per hour. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$150.00, plus tax, be authorized for the purchase of 500 gallons of Nox-Weed Fluid for use by the Street and Park Departments in the eradication of weeds. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$127.34 be authorized for the purchase of miscellaneous fittings and supplies from the Defense Plant Corporation, for the Electrical Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$74.55 be authorized for the purchase of miscellaneous fittings and supplies from the Defense Plant Corporation, for the Park Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$110.33 be authorized for the purchase of miscellaneous fittings and supplies from the Defense Plant Corporation, for the City Garage. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$61.09, be authorized for the purchase of miscellaneous fittings and supplies from the Defense Plant Corporation, for the Street Department. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the City Engineer had requested that a resolution be passed, requesting the authorization by the County Road Department of \$24,000.00 from "County Aid to Cities" funds, for the completion of the Crenshaw Boulevard Project.

Upon obtaining the next resolution number from Clerk Bartlett, Councilman Hitchcock moved the adoption of

RESOLUTION NO. 1671

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE AUTHOR-  
IZATION BY THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT  
OF \$24,000.00 FROM "COUNTY AID TO CITIES"  
FUNDS, FOR COMPLETION OF THE CRENSHAW  
BOULEVARD PROJECT.

Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the expenditure of \$202.50 be authorized for a title search on properties for right-of-way on Hawthorne Avenue; advising that the City is endeavoring to complete the acquisition of right-of-way for the widening of this boulevard, which has been under way for the past three or four years. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that the City Engineer has recommended that the contract for the construction of Crenshaw Boulevard, between 190th Street and Redondo Beach Boulevard, be awarded to the Olympic Contracting Company, on the basis of their Alternate Bid, No. 4, using a two (2") inch plant-mixed surfacing and a decomposed granite sub-base, at a total estimated cost of \$35,000.00.

Whereupon, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the contract for the construction of Crenshaw Boulevard be awarded to the Olympic Contracting Company on the basis of the unit prices stated in their bid of May 23, 1944. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney McCall called attention to the fact that a motion was in order to reject all other bids and directing that their deposits be returned to them.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bids for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard be rejected, with the exception of the bid of the Olympic Contracting Company, and the City Engineer be authorized to return their deposits. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Gertrude Black be employed, on a part time basis, as an assistant Arts and Crafts Instructor in the Recreation Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion,

which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the purchase and installation of twelve new U.S.O. direction signs be authorized. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Chief of Police be authorized to employ a crossing guard at the Walteria School during playground hours. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the salary of Kenneth Kail, Bus Driver, be increased from \$170.00 to \$185.00, effective May 3, 1944, as he has completed six months service with the Bus Department as of that date. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the salary of Paul Chambers, Bus Driver, be increased from \$170.00 to \$185.00, effective June 24, 1944, as he will have completed six months service with the Bus Department on that date. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the collection and disposal of garbage and tin cans commencing with the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 1944. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson stated that it will be necessary to advertise for bids for the new busses and inquired if it was desired to authorize the advertisement at this time.

Councilman Cucci stated that inasmuch as it is planned to hold an informal meeting to discuss the bus situation, he believed this matter should be taken up at that time.

Attorney McCall said he understood one bus would be delivered by July 15th, and if this is correct there would not be sufficient time to advertise and put in their bids before that time; and inasmuch as the advertising for bids would in no way obligate the City he saw no reason why it should not be done at this time.

Whereupon, Mayor Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for busses, as per the specifications. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that he had been advised by the City Engineer that there were several pieces of obsolete equipment at the City Yard, such as an old rake, etc. and would like an authorization to dispose of them.

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Engineer be given authority to sell the obsolete equipment at the City Yard. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.



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Upon obtaining the next resolution number from Clerk Bartlett, Councilman Hitchcock moved the adoption of

RESOLUTION NO. 1671

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE AUTHORIZATION BY THE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT OF \$24,000.00 FROM "COUNTY AID TO CITIES" FUNDS, FOR COMPLETION OF THE CRENSHAW BOULEVARD PROJECT.

Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Miss Ada Chase, a teacher at the Torrance High School, addressed the Council, stating that last week she had occasion to ride on one of the Torrance busses, from Walteria, and had a very uncomfortable experience.

She said there was a young girl on the bus who was carrying on a conversation with the bus driver and acting in a very unlady-like manner, so she spoke to the girl, calling her attention to the sign requesting passengers to refrain from speaking to the driver.

The Bus Driver, said Miss Chase, turned on her, stating that he was in complete control of the bus and would run it as he liked; whereupon he pulled up to the curb and invited her to leave the bus.

Miss Chase also complained that some of the bus drivers continue to smoke while driving; and she also thought the busses should be better ventilated. She also made a plea for better service, stating that while the busses usually start on time they very seldom reach their destination on time.

Mayor Tolson promised Miss Chase that an investigation would be made and the bus driver reprimanded for his conduct, and requested Miss Chase to submit the name of the driver to the Council.

Mrs. Alcala, 2229 - 203rd Street, advised the Council that she is circulating a petition to secure sewers on 203rd Street; and stated that many of the signers of this petition are purchasing their homes on contract, and they have been advised by the legal owner of the property that their signatures are worthless as they have no deeds to their property, and requested a legal opinion on this question.

Engineer Jain advised that these people are contributing funds and depositing them in the Bank, to reimburse the City for the cost of installing the proposed sewer system, rather than go through the necessary work of requiring a bond issue.

Attorney McCall stated that if they are collecting the money to pay the City it would make no difference whether they owned the property or not.

Councilman Powell stated that these people should be commended by the City and we should do everything possible to assist them to eliminate the unsanitary condition existing in the Pueblo District.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Cucci seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci, Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Chas. Elman, of Los Angeles, inquired if the City would be interested in purchasing the lot next to the Fire Station.

Mayor Tolson advised Mr. Elman that the City was not interested in purchasing the lot at this time.

At 9:30 P.M., on motion of Councilman Cucci, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned.

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE